

Transportation

The District may provide transportation to and from school for a student who:

1. resides three or more miles, over the shortest practical route, from the nearest operating public elementary or public high school.
2. is a student with a disability whose IEP identifies transportation as a related service; or
3. has another compelling and legally sufficient reason to receive transportation services.

The District may elect to reimburse the parent or guardian of a student for individually transporting any eligible student.

The type of transportation provided by the District may be by a school bus, other vehicle or by such individual transportation as paying the parent or guardian for individually transporting the pupil. The Board may elect to pay board and room reimbursements, provide supervised correspondence study, or provide supervised home study. The Board may authorize children attending an approved private school to ride a school bus provided that space is available, and a fee to cover the per seat cost for such transportation is collected. The District may transport and charge for an ineligible public school student provided that the parent or guardian pays a proportionate share of transportation services. Fees that are collected for the transportation of ineligible students shall be deposited in the transportation fund. Transportation issues that cannot be resolved by the Trustees may be appealed to the county transportation committee.

Homeless students shall be transported in accordance with the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act and state law.

Legal Reference:	§ 20-7-441, MCA	Special education child eligibility for transportation
	§ 20-10-101, MCA	Definitions
	§ 20-10-121, MCA	Duty of trustees to provide transportation - types of transportation - bus riding time limitation
	§ 20-10-122, MCA	Discretionary provision of transportation and payment for this transportation
	§ 20-10-123, MCA	Provision of transportation for nonpublic school children
	10.7.101, et seq., ARM	Pupil transportation
	10.64.101 through 700, et seq., ARM	Transportation
	No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110)	

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